

**AMERICAN CAMPING ASSOCIATION
TENNESSEE VALLEY SECTION
1947-1984**

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INTRODUCTION

The American Camping Association, Tennessee Valley Section Papers are centered around the activities of the Association in Tennessee. The American Camping Association, Tennessee Valley Section papers are a gift of Miss Louise Davis, Nashville, Tennessee.

The collection occupies 3.68 cubic feet of shelf space, and numbers approximately 1300 items. Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the American Camping Association, Tennessee Valley Section Papers may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The records of the American Camping Association, Tennessee Valley Section, contain approximately 1,300 items for the dates 1947-1984.

The American Camping Association was nationally organized in 1912. The Tennessee Valley Section was organized and held its first meeting in the fall of 1945 at Fall Creek Falls State Park.

Mr. Henry G. Hart was instrumental in the founding of the section, and served as President for the first two two-year terms (and thus on the National Board), remaining on the Executive Board in many capacities as long as his health allowed (1966).

This section has held fall conferences annually, has published News Notes at intervals, has held annual winter Executive Board meetings, and committees have been active in standards, program, legislation, leadership training (Campcrafts), etc.

The section is a part of Region IV of the American Camping Association: Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Arkansas. As a part of the region, the section has taken its turn in leadership of Regional biennial conventions in 1949, 1955, 1961, and 1969. Until 1951 the section president was also a member of the National Board, but since then the President has served on the Regional Board, and the Regional Chairman is a member of the National Board. Mr. Hart and Louise Davis (1966-68) have served as regional chairman.

The section includes all of Tennessee. There have been four districts: Smoky Mountain (Knoxville), Bend of the River (North Alabama), Moccasin Bend (Chattanooga), and Cumberland (Nashville). Activity has varied with membership. District Chairmen serve on the Section's Board.

A major legislative effort of the section has been to encourage the State Health Department's interest and the 1965 action of the legislature, resulting in an act enabling the State Health Department to control standards of health and sanitation in camps in Tennessee. The section continues in education and understanding.

Also included are some items of national concern and some extra-association camping and recreational related materials which seem valid. In the State Library section can be found the *Camping Magazine*, 1948-1968.

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30. Correspondence-- Armond Ball
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33. Correspondence-- J.S. Cloverdale
34. Correspondence-- Council of Community Agencies
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6. Correspondence-- May Sadler
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9. Correspondence-- Elizabeth B. Thorn
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11. Correspondence-- Maxine Vaden
12. Correspondence-- Jean Walker
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15. Correspondence-- Darlene Wolfe
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25. Minutes-- Program Committee, Regional Convention, 1948-1949
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3. Minutes-- Tennessee Valley Section, 1944-1982
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16. Printed Material-- The ACA What Is It?
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18. Printed Material-- A Guide for Directors of Campcraft Instructor's Orientation Conferences
19. Printed Material-- A Wilderness Plan for the Smokies
20. Printed Material-- Administrative Guide for ACA, Leadership, and Training
21. Printed Material-- The American Camper
22. Printed Material-- The American Camping Association
23. Printed Material-- An Analysis of State Laws Affecting the Operation of Children's Summer
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17. Printed Material-- The Future of Camping in Tennessee
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19. Printed Material-- The Great Smoky Mountains and the Wilderness Act
20. Printed Material-- Group Camp Areas on Reservoirs of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and TVA Lakes in Tennessee
21. Printed Material-- Hand in Hand
22. Printed Material-- Historian and Archivist
23. Printed Material-- History of Tennessee Valley Section of ACA
24. Printed Material-- In Memorium, Henry G. Hart
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20. Printed Material-- Summary Sheet of Proposals from the National Headquarters for Section Action or Feedback
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25. Printed Material-- Tennessee Department of Health Group Camp Standards
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29. Printed Material-- Who Needs A Fifth Transmountain Road Across the Great Smoky Mountains?
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